

Controversy Over Prevailing Student Politics

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RECENTLY a controversial issue over student politics had made a great stir in the country. It is a long standing dilemma and it has become headache for the nation. The question raised when political turmoil was created in the University, whether the student politics should remain subsistent or to be rebuffed from academic ambience. Who will answer? Government alone? Or opposition party in a body? Still the opinion of mass people has become bifurcated with their own logical arguments. The partisans who recommend the student politics seemed consentient on a certain terrain that the students politics is needful for the greater interest of the nation, not for the benefit of any political party while dissentients are vehemently opposed to students politics.

We may look back to the history and recall the role played by the students during language movement and the movement of liberation war. Their outstanding contribution with supreme sacrifice towards nation war. Their outstanding contribution with supreme sacrifice towards nation would have been incandescent in perpetuity. The nation felt proud of them as they could create image of heroic warriors. Mass people has reverence for them. It is told that education is the back bone of nation. But student is the vast receptacle of education. It is evident that the principle of present student politics has tarnished such image and they vitiated the academic congenial atmosphere. What is the duty of a student? Is student politics at all a first principle? The first principle of a student is to be studious and to be absorbed in studies. Their assiduity and perseverance will give them perspective on life, and lead them to their cherished destiny. Students who are disenchanted with politics are

averse to studies and distract to acquiring knowledge. The general standard of education has gone down. It is disgraceful for the students as well as for the nation. In the name of politics they took the arms and carried out terrorism and anarchy in the university campus. Even they do not hesitate to fire at the chest of class-fellows for extinguishing their lives. So many students have lost their lives due to political reason after liberation war which was unanticipated. Is it called student politics? If the answer is negative, then what is student politics? When the word student latches on to the word politics, then it is called student politics. In our country politics is the most stupid thing than all the rest. Politics is a kind of business without capital like harlotry which generates virus. Even the innocent students are contaminated with this virus. Parents send their sons to university for higher education and for being well tutored. What is the consolation of the parents, if their sons go to glory due to political reason?

We believe, most of the students are innocent, except a few who are already dubbed as terrorist, killer and anarchist. They are the cossacks of political parties. The conscious parents or guardians would never relent to induce their sons or daughters studying in the university or college for their involvement in the politics. Politics and study can not be abreast altogether. Student shall have to choose one of either study or politics. During language movement the students jumped spontaneously for the sake of the mother language. The youthful announcement of Mohammad Ali Zinnat sparked off an agitation in not only students but whole Bangladesh. During its crisis

is called politics? We don't consider it as politics but it is moral responsibility of all the patriot citizen including students also.

However, the present student politics seems to be a turnance to the parents as they always pass the time with tension for their sons. The parents have hopes and aspiration with their sons that they would have managed to procure a job after completion of studies. Many students come from poor family. They do not have any pipe dream for being minister. They are totally content if they are provided with a satisfactory job. A few students who take the lead, have the political inclination as for their personal gain. And political parties use them as instruments. Every political party have separate student organization. During haral against ruling party the student organizations have to play the vital role having clinging to political party. They parties giving them all kinds of advantages along with arms to keep them to face opponent party. The student organizations of every ruling party also gesture and posture raising their weapons under the shelter of law enforcing agencies to halt the movement. According to philosophy all the political parties both ruling and opposition, are solely responsible for any rise and fall of the state. So the parties can not escape from the charge of bringing the students into politics and neither ruling party nor opposition party has to answer the question whether the students politics should remain subsisted.

Once the then President HM Ershad had imposed ban on students politics, unilaterally while other parties did not accede to his decision. Rather opposition parties, injected their student organizations to rejuvenate the movement. During movement against his regime the Chartra Samaj, student organization of fairty party kept themselves deactivated. In the sequel the other parties made best of opportunity and which accelerated as well as facilitated handing over power. Apparently it was wrong of him. But for the betterment of students it was fair and the movement with iron hand and after that he had to discuss about the process and condition of handing over power with agreement. But he had not done it. So the opposition parties easily could win the game. As a result President Ershad was toppled with disgrace and a series of cases were lodged against him. He was incarcerated for a long period. The other political parties could realize the importance of student organization before the fact. Those who are craving for power, they can not judge what is right, what is wrong and what is detrimental to the society.

However, both the student organization Chartra Dal and Chartra League plucked themselves on the victory. Some student leaders being bloated and boosted for their action and achievement, demanded their nomination for contesting in the parliamentary election and they somnambulated in the hope to be Minister. Ex-president Ershad had paved the way for that. He made a Minister among the student leaders. So he was the pioneer who showed them path how to become Minister from the student organization. The student leaders having the test of zealous sense became unbridled racing horse in the political province. The present government has also made the member of parliament and Minister among students which is a bad practice in our country. It is obvious, when a tiger have the test of human blood, the tiger can not forget it, rather it becomes intoxicated to have it again. So it is hard and tough to push it back to the cage.

A few students could make best of this opportunity. Some of them become Ministers, some have been MP and some have been multi-millionaire. For other, they have been tossed into midden-streets as the student leaders kicked down the ladder. The position of that students was like, I want make it intelligible with an example, as they were third and fourth kids of goat frisking for milk of their mother while first and second kids sucking the milk from nipples as the mother goat possess only two maps. Many students have blighted the carrier and marred their lives and subsequently debauched themselves due to political rivalry. They neither could have advantages from the party nor they could manage to procure a satisfactory job. As a result many of them became the under world leader. It is irony of their fate or folly of our leader? Who will judge it?

We can look around the world where we can hardly find a university which has not its glorious name and fame and grandeur men. But in our country the student groups always keep themselves ready for facing skirmishes. This is the characteristic of our university. Even we do not get to find such scene in the herd of kine or cow-shed.

The students of foreign university do not involve themselves in such type of politics or take part in any political programme. It does not mean, they stand silent in the face of implementation of any illegal or unethical decision of government. They face the situation being united. This is called student politics.

The students are the assets of the state, symbols of hopes and aspirations and future of the next generations. Their character should be pattern of all the virtues. The academy

of our university will appoint some leaders in future to lead it. Still we are optimistic. Student politics can not be a part of our country. So the students should be segregated from such party ambience and nasty politics. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, Minister Begum Khaleida Zia, course, reiterated the announcement of Ex-President HM Ershad to impose ban on student politics by it sparked off the reaction among students and some political leaders. It is true for those who have had the test of zealous sense of politics, for them this can not be taken for granted as the die is cast. A short survey among some guardians was conducted in this respect. Most of the guardians are opposed to student politics and few guardians opined with explanation that student politics will remain subsisted for the sake of the student's interest, not for the political parties or to MP and Minister leaning on the shoulders of other innocent students. So such type of politics which is baleful for students should be banned for greater interest. If it is not possible for part of any single political party the government may make a ban on the students who involve in student politics having clinging to any political party, they will never give the government service. When the student leaders involved in politics in defying the law, try to motivate the other students, influence or force to join in the party, they shall have to be expelled from that educational institution. And government may consider to change the position of Dhaka university to elsewhere, or of Dhaka city for the greater interest. And the PG-Hospital may be shifted to Dhaka university campus for its wide expansion.